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MARYLAND LEGISLATURE.

ANNAPOLIS, January 26, 1858.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.—Petitions Presented.—By Messrs. Grieves, Mackubin, Semmes and McGonigal, from citizens of the State, for the better preservation of useful birds. By Mr. Bacon, from J. T. Bradley and 69 other citizens of Harford county, for a law to prohibit negroes from controlling boats in the head waters of the Chesapeake and its tributaries. By Mr. Alexander, from wood-sellers of Baltimore for certain relief. By Mr. Stirling, from 32 white barbers of Baltimore, for a law closing barber shops on Sunday; also from 32 manufacturers and dealers in leather, against a change in the inspection laws; also, from the committee of the city council of Baltimore, against the proposed divisions of the wards in the city of Baltimore; Also, from members of the first branch of the city council, for compensation to John D. Ellis for injuries received in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad riots. By Mr. Morgan, from W. O. Reeder, for relief. By Mr. Contee, from citizens of Prince George's county, for a new election district. By Mr. McGonigal, from citizens of Caroline county, for a change in the school law. By Mr. Morgan, from Wm. Code and other citizens of St. Mary's, for a law to authorize the dredging of oysters—referred to St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles county delegations. By Mr. Kennard, from W. C. Cunningham and J. L. Dorsey, agents for the collection of taxes in arrears in Baltimore city, for compensation. By Mr. Kilbourn, from citizens of Anne Arundel county, for the repeal of the act imposing penalties for using sink boats, &c., in shooting wild fowl, &c.

Leaves to Report Bills.—By Mr. Burgess, to allow A. G. Willis, tax collector, further time. By Mr. Welling, to define the powers of the Court of Appeals in certain cases. By Mr. Goldsborough, to exempt certain property of St. Michael's parish, Talbot county, from taxation. By Mr. Spence, to amend the act providing for the publication of the proceedings of the commissioners of Worcester county; also, to make valid a deed from R. H. Powell, &c., to B. Bassett. By Mr. Summers, to amend the charter of the Hagerstown and Middlebury Turnpike Company; also, to amend the charter of the Hagerstown and Marshroad Turnpike Company. By Mr. Smith, of Baltimore county, for the more speedy collection of taxes in Baltimore county. By Mr. Morgan, to incorporate Leonardtown, in St. Mary's county. By Mr. Harrington, relating to the capitation passenger tax on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad between Baltimore city and the Relay House. Also, to change the name of the Baltimore Lime Company to Baltimore Lime and Marl Company. By Mr. Todd, to limit the jurisdiction of bailiffs of Denton. By Mr. McPherson, to amend the act of 1836, relating to the publication of officers' names in default to the State. By Mr. Dail, for the measurement of lime in this State. By Mr. Alexander, for the relief of Joseph Benson, a pensioner. By Mr. Heath, to refund moneys to W. R. Snow and George B. Graves. By Mr. Mackubin, to provide for the inspection and measurement of manures sold by the cart-load, &c. By Mr. McPherson, to authorize the comptroller to employ counsel to prosecute delinquent State officers. Also, to provide appropriate penalties for the violation of the license laws of 1856. Also, to compel all officers, under penalties, to make returns of emoluments of their offices, as prescribed by the constitution.

Bills Reported.—By Mr. Kilgour, to incorporate the People's Mining Company. By Mr. Barnard, to incorporate the town of Westernport, Allegany county. By Mr. Welling, to prevent swine going at large in Elkridge Landing and vicinity, in Howard county. By Mr. Thomas, to pay Catharine McKim a pension. By Mr. Kennard, to amend the charter of the Howard Insurance Company. Also, to authorize the fire inspector of Baltimore to take testimony in certain cases. By Mr. Dail, to pay J. Wesley White and others for certain legislative expenses.

The reference of the memorial of St. John's College was changed from the committee on ways and means to the committee on education.

Bills Passed.—To pay Ellen Shank a pension. To pay Easter Williams a pension. To authorize the commissioners of Baltimore county to increase the pay of laborers on the public roads of Baltimore county. For the sale of school-house No. 69, Frederick county, &c. To change the location of school-house No. 25, in Caroline county. To increase the per diem of commissioners of Somerset county. To change the name of the Pickell Mining Company to Piedmont Mining Company. Providing for an additional levy for primary schools in Anne Arundel county. To pay a pension to Catharine Wistel, widow of Robert Purdie.

The resolutions of Mr. Alexander, requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge the passage of a law for the establishment of a uniform standard of weights and measures throughout the United States, were passed.

On motion of Mr. Stirling, John W. Ross was appointed by the House of Delegates State director in the Bank of Baltimore.

The Speaker's desk having been cleared of all business, the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Petitions Presented.—By the president, from the Baltimore board of trade, against a change in the inspection laws. By Mr. Brooke, from the heirs of the late Capt. Robert Chesley, for relief. By Mr. McCullough, from Henry Chamberlain, to make valid a bequest of \$500 of Leak Gale, for the support of a minister of the Protestant Episcopal church at St. Mark's chapel, Cecil county. By Mr. Hoffman, from citizens of Baltimore, relating to the inspection laws; also, from W. W. Taylor, to be refunded certain moneys. By Mr. Semmes, from citizens of Allegany county, for the speedy settlement of the western boundary of the State.

Bill Reported.—By Mr. Clarke, to make valid a deed from Nathan Tyson and others to Charles Timanus. By Mr. Smith, to change the name of Wesley Fremont Davis to Wesley Reid Davis. By Mr. Clarke, to authorize the clerk of the Circuit Court of Howard county to make new indexes of all the land and chattel records in his office.

On motion of Mr. Brooke, 2,000 copies of the State agricultural chemist's report were ordered for the Senate.

Leaves to Report Bills.—By Mr. McCullough, providing for a bridge over Little Elk creek, in Cecil county. By Mr. Smith, for the better regulation of schools in Carroll county. By Mr. Wallace, to amend the act making an appropriation for a painting illustrating "Washington Resigns his Commission" in the Senate Chamber at Annapolis.

Mr. Wallace, from the select committee appointed by the Senate of Maryland at January session, 1858, submitted the following report:

"The select committee of the Senate appointed to select and procure a painting for the use

of the Senate chamber, illustrating the Surrender of George Washington of his Commission as Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the American Revolution, beg leave to report that, in the execution of the trust committed to them, immediately after the adjournment of the last session of the General Assembly, they opened a correspondence with various artists and persons whose knowledge, taste and judgment could be relied upon in reference to this branch of the fine arts, and after having visited the studios of a number of artists and examined their works, and after having given the subject the most mature consideration, they employed Mr. Edwin White, of the city of New York, and entered into a contract with him to execute and deliver the work to your committee on or about the 1st of January, 1859, upon the following terms, to wit:

"We agreed to pay him the sum of one thousand dollars upon the signing of the contract, the further sum of one thousand dollars on the first day of January, 1859, and the further sum of one thousand dollars when the said painting shall be finished and delivered. And in accordance with our contract, we have paid him the sum of two thousand dollars, and have still on hand in the Treasury the sum of one thousand dollars awaiting our order. We have also taken from Mr. White a guaranty of W. W. DeForest & Co., of the city of New York, that in the event of any circumstance occurring to prevent a delivery to the committee of the said painting, fully finished, by the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, they will reimburse the committee the amount advanced.

"The committee will further report, that Mr. White has entered into the execution of the trust committed to him with a spirit that gives earnest of a work that will do credit to himself and honor to the State of Maryland.

"Your committee found it difficult to obtain the work from an artist of reputation and established fame for the sum heretofore appropriated for that purpose; and although we have contracted as above with Mr. White to execute and deliver to us the work, we pledged him, at the same time, to request of the General Assembly of Maryland the appropriation of an additional sum of three thousand dollars, as full compensation, and without which pledge he would not undertake the work; and in accordance with the pledge which we made, we now request your honorable body to appropriate the further sum of three thousand dollars, to be paid to the said White, in the event of his executing such a work as shall give entire satisfaction to your committee.

"JAS. WALLACE,

"S. OWINGS HOFFMAN."

Bills Passed.—[The following bills originated in the House and are now laws.]—To authorize the Peach Bottom Slate Mining Company, of Harford county, to issue bonds. To authorize the Reid Rifle Corps of Chestertown, to erect an armory, &c. To provide for the building of a jail in Charles county. For the transcribing of a record book in the office of register of Wills for Allegany county. For the transcribing of a record of indexes in the office of register of wills in Frederick county. For the sale of a school house in Frederick county. To repair a record in the clerk's office of Circuit Court of Worcester county. To incorporate the Patapsco Steam Tug Company. To repeal resolution No. 27, 1833. To authorize the mayor and city council of Baltimore to issue certificates of debt, to be denominated water stock. To authorize the Preston Coal and Iron Company, of Virginia, to hold lands, &c., and to exercise their corporate privileges in Maryland. To make valid an agreement between the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company and the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad Company. To make valid a deed from R. H. Rouse to J. P. Selby.

The following nominations, it is understood, were made in the American Legislative caucus last night.—Lemuel Jones, keeper of chancery records, (renominated.) Truman Belt and Samuel Duer, directors in the Mechanics' Bank of Baltimore. Purnell Toadvine, of Somerset, and J. H. Harries, of Talbot, State directors in the Eastern Bank. Fred. D. Herbert and Thomas G. Robertson, directors in the Hagerstown Bank.—Rignall D. Woodward, director in the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, Annapolis. Dr. D. Claude, for State treasurer, (renominated.)

Governor Hicks left Annapolis to-day to join his family in Cambridge, in consequence of the death of a child, aged 18 months.

Among the list of cases pardoned, &c., by the late Governor, the *nolle pros.* granted to William H. Lepson should be for alleged "aiding and abetting in murder," and not for "an assault with intent to commit rape," as published.